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HEADQ'RS DEPARTMT WEST, VA. AND EAST TENNESSEE.

GENERAL ORDER,
No. 54.

DUBLIN, Dec. 3d, 1863.

Before the Military Court organized in pursuance of Act of Congress, approved October 9th, 1863, and convened at Abingdon, Va., by virtue of Special Order, No. 260, from these Headquarters, and at Bristol, Tenn., by virtue of Special Order No. 274, §III, from these Headquarters, were arraigned and tried:

1st. Private JESSE ISAACS, Company D, 37th Virginia Battalion, Cavalry.

Charge,

Desertion.

FINDING AND SENTENCE OF THE COURT.

After mature deliberation, the Court find the accused, private Jesse Isaacs, Company "D." 37th Virginia Battalion Cavalry, as follows:

Of the specification of the charge,

That he was absent from his command without leave during the time specified.

Of the charge,

"Not Guilty,"

But guilty of absence without leave.

And the Court do therefore, sentence the said private, Jesse Isaacs, Company D, 37th Virginia Battalion Cavalry, to serve two (2) extra tours of guard duty every week for two (2) months.

The Court have been thus lenient in consideration of the confinement which he has already undergone, and his good character as a soldier apart from this offence, and having admonished him that thus leaving his command, by a soldier, and especially with others, is regarded by them as a very grave offence.

2d. Private JOHN DOSS, Company "F", 37th Virginia Battalion Cavalry.

Charge,

Desertion.

FINDING AND SENTENCE OF THE COURT.

After mature deliberation, the Court find the accused, private

private John Doss, Company "I," 37th Virginia Battalion Cavalry, as follows :

Of the specification of the charge,

That he was absent from his command without leave, during the time specified.

Of the charge,

"Not Guilty,"

But guilty of absence without leave.

And the Court do therefore sentence him, the said private John Doss, Company "I," 37th Virginia Battalion Cavalry, to serve two (2) extra tours of guard duty every week for two (2) months.

The Court have been thus lenient in consideration of the confinement which he has already undergone, and his good character as a soldier, apart from this offence, and having admonished him that thus leaving his command, by a soldier, and especially with others, is regarded by them as a very grave offence.

3d. Serg't John J. Parks. Company "F," 37th Virginia Battalion Cavalry.

Charge,

Desertion.

FINDING AND SENTENCE OF THE COURT.

After mature deliberation, the Court find the accused, Serg't John J. Parks, Company "F," 37th Virginia Battalion Cavalry, as follows :

Of the specification of the charge,

That he was absent from his Company, without leave, during the time specified.

Of the charge,

"Not Guilty,"

But guilty of absence without leave.

And the Court do therefore sentence him, the said Serg't John J. Parks, Co. "F," 37th Virginia Battalion Cavalry, "to be reduced to the ranks, and to serve two (2) extra tours of guard duty every week for two (2) months.

4th. Private John W. Fields, Company "F," 37th Virginia Battalion Cavalry.

Charge,

Desertion.

FINDING AND SENTENCE OF THE COURT.

After mature deliberation the Court find the accused, private

John W. Fields, Company "F," 37th Virginia Battalion Cavalry, as follows:

Of the specification of the charge,

That he was absent from his Company, without leave, during the time specified.

Of the charge,

"Not Guilty,"

But guilty of absence without leave.

And the court do therefore sentence him, the said private Jno. W. Fields, Co. "F," 37th Virginia Battalion Cavalry, "to serve two (2) extra tours of guard duty every week for two (2) months."

The Court have been thus lenient in consideration of the confinement which he has already undergone, and his previous good character as a soldier.

5th. Private Jas. J. Carter, Company "F," 37th Virginia Battalion Cavalry.

Charge,

Desertion.

FINDING AND SENTENCE OF THE COURT.

After mature deliberation the Court find the accused, private Jas. J. Carter, Company "F," 37th Virginia Battalion Cavalry, as follows:

Of the specification of the charge,

That he was absent from his Company, without leave, during the time specified.

Of the charge,

"Not Guilty,"

But guilty of absence without leave.

And the court do therefore sentence the said private Jas. J. Carter, Co. "F," 37th Virginia Battalion Cavalry, "to serve two (2) extra tours of guard duty every week for two (2) months."

The Court have been thus lenient in consideration of the confinement which he has already undergone, and his previous good character as a soldier.

6th. Private Sam'l Haines, Company "F," 37th Virginia Battalion Cavalry.

Charge,

Desertion.

Discharge

FINDING AND SENTENCE OF THE COURT.

After mature deliberation the Court find the accused, private Samuel Haines, Company "F," 37th Virginia Battalion Cavalry, as follows:

Of the specification of the charge,

That he was absent from his Company, without leave, during the time specified.

Of the charge,

"Not Guilty,"

But guilty of absence without leave.

And the court do therefore sentence the said private Sam'l Haines, 37th Virginia Battalion Cavalry, "to serve two (2) extra tours of guard duty every week for two (2) months.

The Court have been thus lenient in consideration of the confinement which he has already undergone, and his previous good character as a soldier.

7th. Private Newton M. Meredith, Company "A," 15th Regiment Virginia infantry.

Charge,

Conduct prejudicial to good order and military discipline.

FINDING OF THE COURT.

After mature deliberation the Court find the accused, private Newton M. Meredith, Company "A," 15th Regiment Virginia infantry, as follows:

Of the 1st specification of the charge.

"Not Guilty."

Of the 2d specification of the charge.

"Not Guilty."

Of the charge,

"Not Guilty."

And the Court do therefore acquit the said private Newton M. Meredith, Company "A," 15th Regiment Virginia infantry, but the Court would caution him and soldiers generally against amusing themselves by taking the property of others for the purpose of teasing them, as it is liable, as in this case, to give rise to trouble and subject themselves to injurious suspicion.

8th. Private Creed Buchanan, Company "D," 29th Virginia Regiment infantry.

Charge,

Desertion.

FINDING AND SENTENCE OF THE COURT.

After mature deliberation the Court find the accused, private Creed Buchanan, Company "D," 29th Virginia Regiment infantry, as follows:

Of the specification, "That he was absent from his Company, without leave, for the time specified.

Of the charge, "Not Guilty,"
But guilty of absence without leave.

And the Court do therefore sentence the said private Creed Buchanan, Company "D," 29th Virginia Regiment infantry, "to walk in front of his Company camp or quarters carrying a log weighing twenty-five (25) pounds two (2) hours every day for seven days, and after the expiration of that time to serve two (2) extra tours of guard duty every week for two (2) months, and then to undergo solitary confinement on bread and water diet for fourteen (14) days, and to forfeit his monthly pay for six (6) months dating from the 1st day of June, 1863."

9th. Corporal Wm. M. Carter, Company "F," 37th Battalion Virginia Cavalry.

Charge, Desertion.

FINDING AND SENTENCE OF THE COURT.

After mature deliberation the Court find the accused, Corporal Wm. M. Carter, Company "F," 37th Virginia Battalion Cavalry, as follows:

On the specification, "That he was absent from his Company, without leave, during the time specified."

Of the charge, "Not Guilty,"
But guilty of absence without leave.

And the Court do therefore sentence the said Corporal Wm. M. Carter, Company "F," 37th Battalion Virginia Cavalry, "to be reduced to the ranks, and to walk in front of his Company camp or quarters two (2) hours every day for fourteen (14) days, carrying a log weighing twenty-five pounds (25 lbs.)"

10th. Surgeon T. J. Braxton, 30th Virginia Battalion Sharp Shooters.

Charge 1st,	Appropriating property belonging to the Confederate States Government to his own private use.
Charge 2d,	Shameful neglect of duty.
Charge 3d,	Drunkenness.
Charge 4th,	Conduct unbecoming an Officer and a gentleman.

FINDING OF THE COURT.

After mature deliberation the Court find the accused, Surgeon T. J. Braxton, 30th Virginia Battalion S. S., as follows :

Of the specification of the first charge,	Not Guilty.
And of the first charge,	Not Guilty.
Of the 1st specification of the 2d charge,	Not Guilty.
Of the 2d specification of the 2d charge,	Not Guilty.
Of the 3d specification of the 2d charge,	Not Guilty.
Of the 4th specification of the 2d charge,	Not Guilty.
Of the 5th specification of the 2d charge,	Not Guilty.
And of the 2d charge,	Not Guilty.
Of the 1st specification of the 3d charge,	Not Guilty.
Of the 2d specification of the 3d charge.	Not Guilty.
And of the 3d charge,	Not Guilty.
Of the specification of the 4th charge,	Not Guilty.
And of the 4th charge,	Not Guilty.

And the Court do therefore honorably acquit the said Surgeon T. J. Braxton, 30th Virginia Battalion Sharp Shooters, of all the charges preferred against him.

11th. Private Jacob Mullins, Company "C," Prentice's Battalion Mounted Rifles, C. S. A.

Charge,	Desertion.
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FINDING AND SENTENCE OF THE COURT.

After mature deliberation the Court find the accused, private Jacob Mullins, Company "C," Prentice's Battalion Mounted Rifles, C. S. A., as follows :

Of the specification of the charge,	Guilty.
Of the charge,	Guilty.

And the Court do therefore sentence the said private Jacob Mul-

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lins, Company "C," Prentice's Battalion Mounted Rifles, C. S. A.,
"to be shot to death with musketry at such time and place as the
Commanding General may appoint."

12th. Lieut. Wm. P. Robinson, Ringgold Battery, C. S. A.

Charge,

Absence without leave.

FINDING OF THE COURT.

After mature deliberation the Court find the accused, Lieut. Wm. P. Robinson, Ringgold Battery, C. S. A., as follows :

On the specification, "That he is guilty of an irregularity in not procuring from a proper Surgeon a certificate of sickness to account for his absence, but under the circumstances attach no criminality to him, even if he were properly triable after having been returned to duty with no explanation that this was intended to be no waiver of the charges which previously existed."

Of the charge,

Not Guilty.

And the Court do therefore honorably acquit the said Lieut. Wm. P. Robinson, Ringgold Battery, of the charge preferred against him.

II. The Court find privates, Jesse Isaacs, Jno. Doss, J. W. Fields, J. J. Carter and S. Haines, guilty of absence without leave, and sentence them to serve extra tours of guard duty. The proceedings are confirmed, but the sentences are remitted, and the prisoners will be released from arrest and returned to duty.

The proceedings in the cases of Serg't J. J. Parks and private Creed Buchanan are confirmed. So much of the sentence as awards extra guard duty is remitted. The remainder will be carried into execution by their respective Regimental and Battalion Commanders.

In the cases of Surgeon T. Braxton, Lieut. Wm. P. Robinson, and private Newton M. Meredith, the proceedings and findings are confirmed. Surgeon Braxton, Lieut. Robinson, and private Meredith will be released from arrest and returned to duty.

The proceedings in the case of Corporal Wm. M. Carter are confirmed, and the sentence will be carried into effect by his Battalion commander.

The proceedings in the case of private Jacob Mullins, Company C, Prentice's Battalion, are approved, and the sentence will be carried into execution by the Commander of the post at Abingdon, and within one mile of that place, on the second Friday succeeding the reception of this order by the Officer charged with its execution.

Such sentences as award extra guard duty have been remitted because the Commanding General deems it improper to make a punishment of one of the most honorable and responsible duties of a soldier.

By command of

MAJ. GEN. SAM JONES.

CHAS. S. STRINGFELLOW,

A. A. Gen'l.

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